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Annual Convention of W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle.

The annual County Convention of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodman Circle will be held in Graham the last Saturday in May, which is Decoration Day.

At this time the graves of deceased members will be appropriately decorated and unveiling ceremonies will be held over the graves of deceased members since last year.

It is the usual custom for Glen McDonald Camp to unveil the monuments of all deceased Sovereigns that are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, whether members of this Camp or others in the county.

A short program has been arranged for the day's entertainment commencing at 10:30 a. m. with an address of welcome by Judge J. W. Akin of Graham. This will be responded to by Mr. W. P. Stinson of Eliasville.

Invitation is extended to the members of all Camps of Woodmen and Woodman Circle in this county, as well as Finis Camp of Jack county.

Preparations have been made by Glen McDonald Camp to give all visiting members a royal welcome and a day of splendid entertainment, and it is hoped that each Camp in the county will be represented by a large delegation.

Following is the program as arranged for the day:

10:30 a. m. Address of Welcome, Judge J. W. Akin. Response, W. P. Stinson.

12:00 Dinner.

3:30 Unveiling ceremony, and decoration. Address by Judge E. W. Fry.

8:00 Exhibition Drill by teams of W. O. W. and W. C.

Music for this occasion will be furnished by the Fireman's Band of Graham.

MOTHER'S DAY

At the Methodist church next Sunday morning the service will be given to especially honoring "mother." Every mother who can possibly come is cordially invited.

All children asked to attend as a tribute to their best friend. Make a special effort to come and God will bless all who honor the ones who have so blessed the world. J. Hall Bowman.

Presbyterian Church.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening. Sunday is "Mother's Day," and a special invitation is extended to all mothers to be present at the morning service.

Gaines B. Hall, Pastor.

LAMENTATION.

In the spring a woman's fancy lightly turns to dust and germs, She yanks the curtains off the rods and the beds she overturns,

The pictures glimmering from the walls, my favorite chromo stunt Is found among the trashpile, while my meercaum I must hunt.

My tobacco's relegated to the shelf behind the door, My den is "sanitary"—in it I smoke no more.

The parlor's ghastly clean—she says it's "spick and span," The dining room's a joy forever —too dainty for "mere man."

The poet knows it's spring time by the bluebird's roundelay, But I can tell its happy advent when my wife acts this way. Reporter Staff Poet.

Harrell-McCluskey.

On last Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCluskey, in South Bend, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Everett Harrell and Miss Lela Virginia McCluskey, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends, Rev. Marcus M. Chunn, pastor of the M. E. Church officiating.

The bride was lovingly attired in white satin, with shoes and gloves to match. The groom was attired in a dark blue serge. They slowly marched out through to the end of the long hall, attended by Marvin McBrayer as best man and Miss Mary McBrayer as bride's-maid, where in a few beautiful and solemn words they were pronounced man and wife.

Miss Lela is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCluskey. She is one of our choicest young ladies, both socially and religiously. She is a cultured and refined young lady of excellent character and numbers her friends by her acquaintances.

Everett, better known as "Bike," is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Harrell. He has been reared here in our midst and numbers his friends by the scores. He is one of our best young men, having just closed a successful term of school at Duff Prairie. He is a young man of excellent character and refined habits.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell will make their home in our community for the time being.

The writer joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

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LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid met April 16, at the home of Mrs. T. J. Price. There were eighteen members present to answer to roll call with items of interest about our missions in different countries.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the president, and after the necessary business had been attended to, the reports of the ladies who went to Weatherford as delegates to the Presbyterian were heard.

The work of the Presbyterian was explained to the Society as it had been explained at the Presbyterian, and was made much clearer to us all.

The quotations and interesting points of the talks of Dr. and Mrs. Little, two of our missionaries to China, were very interesting. One thing emphasized especially was that the Chinese want Christianity taught in their midst rather than denominationalism.

Mrs. Hudson gave such a good report of the work done by our own delegates while attending the Presbyterian that we are very proud of our representatives.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Price. Keyword rest.

A Member.

Misses Edith Nicklas and Lura May Dendy and Mr. Jewel Nicklas were in Graham yesterday. They came overland from Fox Hollow with Miss Annie Robertson, who taught the Fox Hollow school. Miss Robertson took the train here for her home in Mineola. The Reporter enjoyed a visit from the young people while in the city.

PRISCILLA CLUB.

An afternoon charming for its simplicity, and informality of entertainment, was enjoyed by the Priscilla Club Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Evans Mabry.

The house was prettily decorated in the National Colors, and the large rooms thrown together were the scene of much merriment.

Needle work, simple or elaborate was the order of the afternoon. Mesdames Crabb, Kay and Norman rendered several piano selections, after which Mrs. Duncan gave two voice numbers, and by special request again rendered her humorous reading, "Mirandy on Marrying for a Living."

The Club colors were carried out in the delicious ice course, which followed roll call.

During the serving of refreshments, Mrs. Hallam, in her own charming way, offered the toast:

"Induced by the supreme patriotism of our hostess and of ourselves, we offer a toast, humble but sincere, to our monarch of the waters, the super-dreadnaught of the world, New York, and her sister, the Texas, and her queen of the navy—the great, most invincible craft afloat, as the launch today for the Mexican waters to sustain the dignity of our greatest of great nations. May her formidable prowess wreak not vengeance—but peace—may her mighty deck never know the stain of a martyr's blood; and may she, through her majestic power, add a glorious victory of peace to our well won laurels; but, if we must enforce reparation, and her magnificent strength must be hurled at our weaker brother, may she at last sail grandly into port, with flying stars and stripes, unsullied in her honor, unscathed in the fray, a grim monarch who never knew defeat."

The toast was ably responded to by Mrs. Bowman as follows: "I am to reply to a toast on 'Battleships New York and Texas,' and in the blending these two names I see much that is common interest and benefit in the past, much of common interest in the present, and much of promise for each, still abiding together, in the future.

"In the beginning of American settlement it was a hardy race of Puritan and Dutch that came to abide on what is now the State of New York. They were looking for a place to worship God as they chose and to make for themselves a competency in life. Out yonder behind the foliage waiting to put the tomahawk into brain was the Delaware and the Mohawk, but they conquered over them. And forward was the march until by reason of its wealth and vast population it has become known as the Empire State.

"Later a race of pioneers settled in a Mexican country and began the work of building their homes. The Comanche and the Tonkaway sought their lives, but they were conquered, and then at the fall of the Alamo the inspiration was given to make the final success at San Jacinto and soon a New Republic had been born. After a few years she joined the United States and today also, because of her acres and greatness, is called the Empire State.

"When battleships began to be built one was named the New York and another the Texas. When Spain's inhumanity to Cuba called for American action it was the New York that bore the flag of the Admiral, and the Texas that got the scars of battle in the contest with Cervera's fleet off San Diago harbor.

"Yonder on the shores of Cuba as the battle raged, the Spaniards were groaning and suffering and the Texas Jackies began to cheer for the victory, but the hand of her Christian Captain Phillips went up and he said, 'No cheering boys those poor devils are dying.' In recognition of this Christian spirit the Sunday school scholars of Texas made up money to buy a sword, which Captain Phillips came to Texas and received, while the New York and the battleship Texas rode at anchor in the harbor.

"Both of these old ships are out of commission, and larger have been built to take their name. And together these two will ride at anchor off Vera Cruz.

"There is much in common between the States of New York and Texas that time forbids my mentioning. New York has her Hudson and beautiful rivers and lakes and her mountains, and so has Texas wonderful things on her prairies and in her hills. New York has her kings of finance on Wall Street to gamble on the things that Texas produces. And I would not forget that while New York can boast of her four hundred and beautiful women that Texas has her social set—and especially Graham's Priscilla Club.

"Side by side shall anchor off Mexican shores these two great dreadnaughts. We hope that events shall not make further war necessary, but if they do, from both the Texas and the New York will belch forth the great shot and shell that shall tell to Mexico that the world's greatest Nation will have her flag saluted when her honor has been insulted. And, on the decks of these two ships perhaps today there walks side by side the lad from New York and the boy from Texas. And if it becomes necessary up that incline that leads from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico shall go shoulder to shoulder, and step by step, the boy from the Texas prairie and the boy from the crowded city streets.

"In Cuba's behalf it was the blood of Ensign Bagley that was first given to the cause; in this movement for American honor it was Coxswain Shumaker that first died. In both events it was a mother's boy that went on the altar. Our hope and prayers as mothers, should be that from the New York and the Texas may go no death dealing fire, and none be received; but that as two of a great Nation of states that we shall sail on to further glory as our own Longfellow has so beautifully said:

Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State Sail on, O Union, strong and great! Humanity, with all its fears, With all the hopes of future years, Is hanging breathless on thy fate!

We know what Master laid thy keel, What workman wrought thy ribs of steel, Who made each mast, and sail, and rope, What anvils rang, what hammers beat, In what forge and what a heat, Were shaped the anchors of thy hope.

"Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears, Our faith triumphant o'er our fears, Are all with thee—are all with thee."

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NEW ICE PLANT NOW IN OPERATION

The new ice plant started operations Monday afternoon. The start was for a test run, under the supervision of Mr. John W. Ables, of Fort Worth, who represents the Frick Company, the people who installed the plant.

The making of ice is something with which very few people are familiar, and a visit to this plant will convince you why those people back in Alabama told their fellow townsman that he was stretching the blanket when he told them he saw ice being made in the summer time.

Mr. Ables stated to a representative of this paper that while there were much larger plants, none were better equipped and none would make better ice. He also stated that after the first two or three days' run that the ice made in Graham would be as fine as ice could be made.

The capacity of the new plant is fifteen tons daily, enough to supply Graham and many surrounding points. The water from which the ice is made goes through nine processes before it is finally delivered to your door. It is boiled four times and filtered twice, besides being filtered at the city water plant. This insures absolutely pure ice.

The best of everything has been used throughout the plant, and it stands as a model of thought and energy and money. The moving spirit in this new plant is Capt. S. R. Crawford, a man who is known never to do things by halves. Since the first shovelfull of dirt was moved for the excavation Capt. Crawford has spent the most of his time seeing that everything came up to standard, and where possible, just a little above.

When he fosters an enterprise it becomes his hobby, his "pet" and anyone who has watched him at work realizes that something worth while is being done.

The chief engineer of the plants of the flour mill and ice plant is Mr. Frank Collins, an experienced engineer and ice man, and in his hands the plants will always be kept up to the highest point of efficiency.

Mr. J. S. Criswell is general manager of the two plants, and while not as familiar with the ice business as that of making flour, he has that natural ability that inspires confidence in men who put up the money for such enterprises, and the public may rest assured that Mr. Criswell will give your creature comforts his highest consideration.

Married—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hardin Green, Sunday afternoon, Elder Liff Sanders of the Church of Christ, officiating, Mr. Guy Seybold and Miss Minnie Green. These young people are well known in Lubbock and their many friends wish for them a happy life as they journey together.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Mr. Seybold is a son of Mrs. I. B. Padgett of this city and was raised in Young county, while Miss Green is a sister of Mrs. J. L. Graves, also a resident of Graham. The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of relatives and friends here who join us in extending them felicitations.

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Weather for April.

1st to 4th, cloudy weather; 5th to 8th, rain period; 9th to 13th, thunder showers; 14th to 18th, cool weather; 19th to 23rd, warm period; 24th to 27th, thunder storms; 28th to 30th, cool and damp. Temperature below average. Rainfall above normal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge
J. W. AKIN.
EDGAR SCURRY

For District Attorney
LESLIE HUMPHREY

For Representative, 99th Dist.:
E. W. FRY

For County Judge:
W. P. STINSON
J. W. JACKSON

For Sheriff:
A. H. JONES
MAL M. WALLACE
W. J. (Will) JENNINGS
O. H. BROWN
J. S. MUNSEY

For County Clerk:
C. W. (Lum) HINSON
W. A. (Pick) CAMPBELL
J. L. GRAVES

For Tax Collector:
W. E. CRIM
HENRY G. FRIE
HENRY GROVES
J. E. PARSONS

For Tax Assessor:
J. C. OWEN
M. P. McCRACKEN
L. H. (Bud) HARRIS
W. A. FRASER
C. RUTLEDGE RUTHERFORD

For County Treasurer:
A. F. STEWART
J. C. CASBURN
R. (Rube) LOFTIN
FRANK BURKETT
L. B. PADGETT

For County Attorney:
A. L. BRANTLEY
C. FAY MARSHALL

For County Superintendent:
B. W. KING

For District Clerk:
J. L. VAUGHAN
WILLIE RIGGS

For Public Weigher:
S. W. RATCLIFFE
JOE T. CARTER
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For Commissioner, Precinct 1.
G. D. (Dillard) HINSON
F. M. BERRY.
JOHN A. BROWN
H. BRASHEARS.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
J. M. BARNETT
W. C. McGEE
J. L. DUNCAN.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1.
C. D. BREWTON

And the American navy went dry. Some one says that "navy blue" now takes on a new significance.

The fighting war dogs of the Spanish-American war of '98, Dewey, Schley, Evans, Sampson, Hobson and the rest are either dead or retired and we have now such seamen as Badger, Fletcher, Mayo, Beatty, Roush, and Howard to make Mexican history of 1914.

It is said that the English language is the most difficult tongue to master, and the following story is told of an aspiring young linguist of French extraction. In attempting to translate the familiar "To be or not to be," this alarming sentence resulted: "To was or not to am."

A series of fine rains have fallen in Young county within the last ten days and everything looks flourishing and full of promise. The "hog wallows" are brimming full and the voice of Sir Frog is heard in the land. The wheat crop is in splendid condition, the farmers jubilant, and The Reporter is just as optimistic. Here's to the greatest year of years, 1914!

War is cruel. Among the "Four American's Dead" at Vera Cruz, was one young man from Philadelphia, the sole support of a widowed mother and several small children. The news prostrated his mother and left the home desolate. Thus the toll of human lives enforces "reparation from Huerta."

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston and Controller Williams have brought down unqualified anathemas upon themselves, by the disappointed cities, in their distribution of Federal reserve-bank favors. Partiality is accused. The representatives of the new currency law were influenced by favoritism toward their native states, were actuated largely by political, rather than economic considerations; and other unworthy motives are assigned to this trio, who doled out so many acute disappointments. The city of New Orleans is one of the most insistent that her dignity as the second greatest port in the United States and the largest center of manufacturing industry in the South, has been utterly disregarded. The growth of Dallas as a banking center, in the last decade, is noted as "significant."

Have you done your spring "house-cleaning?" Some house-keepers insist that this yearly renovating is unnecessary if the house be kept in order every day, while others claim that our living rooms, sleeping apartments and kitchens should be thoroughly overhauled in the spring time to rid the house of the winter's accumulation of foul germs and dry dust, resulting from closed rooms of half dead air. There is nothing more refreshing than clean living apartments, and rooms thoroughly renovated and wind swept every day. Its direct result is a happy atmosphere. Of course, the actual cleaning is drudgery—but what occupation has not some menial service? There is no drudgery that yields quite so much satisfaction as that of cleaning up. The "clean-up" campaigns are the pride of the South today, and our Dr. M. M. Carrick of Dallas is noted throughout the nation as the man of such "clean-up" proclivities that he rid the South of the awful scourge of meningitis, through his clean-up campaigns of the towns and cities. We live in a clean-up age, where dirt is considered dangerous and the direct cause of a score of diseases. We have the benefit of the proven facts by great students that careless habits of living entail untold mortality and it naturally follows that we should like to add our influence to the side of wholesome living. Fra Elbert Hubbard, Bernard McFadden, and other students of the human anatomy aver that health is a habit, anyhow.

Rook Cards

at Graham Printing Co.

SAYS MONEY IS SAVED BY SENDING AWAY.

Mr. Editor, if you have no objections will say a few words in reply to The Reporter in regard to patronizing the mail order houses.

As I am a poor writer I will just touch the high places. The Reporter came down pretty hard on those who patronize mail order houses. I want to say in the outset that I have never ordered but just a few things from any order house. The Reporter would say "Why order at all?" Well if those who patronize those houses did not profit to some extent they certainly would leave their money at home, as the paper says. There would be few who would risk their money in the mails if they could get the same goods for even ten per cent over what they get them laid down from the order houses. That is why so many people send their money off, but The Reporter says leave the money at home to build up the towns and all its institutions. Well we all like beautiful towns and Graham is one of the nicest little towns in West Texas and have as clever, sociable people as can be found anywhere. But are not all people justifiable in spending their money where it will do them the most good? I think so. If the merchants will reduce their per cent to fifteen per cent more than the mail order houses can lay their goods down at Graham you will see the mail order business dwindle to almost insignificance. As I said above I never ordered but a few articles in my life. I'll give three articles and you can make your own calculation as to whether it paid me or not. I ordered a buggy from Sears, Roebuck & Co. that cost me laid down in Graham \$52.50 and several living at Graham inspected it and one said it would have cost \$70.00 here, and one or two said I could not have gotten it here for less than \$80.00 or \$85.00. It is open to inspection to anyone who wishes to inspect it. It has been run nearly a year and has been roughly used.

I wanted two ten-inch turn plows; the price here was \$15.00 on time and \$13.00 cash. I ordered them from the same place I got the buggy, with extra points, and they cost me \$8.02 laid down at Graham, saving \$9.95 on the two plows. Am I a sane man or not for saving thirty-five or forty dollars on these three articles? The Reporter would say not sane, keep the money at home and build up the town and home trade.

Why don't our newspapers say something against the traveling salesmen that are traveling all over the country spending money right and left and all their expenses paid by whom? The consumer of those dry goods, groceries, hardware and everything else they handle. Mr. Editor those drummers are twice as much expense to the consumer than are the mail order houses to the merchant and never a word is said about it in the newspapers.

Now Mr. Editor, some one in The Reporter is hard down on people for patronizing mail order houses. Please look at all sides of the question. What would become of the West Texas Reporter if the farmers were to boycott it? People are taxed now for one thing and another till they are groaning under the burden, and it seems like all other professions are trying to add to already heavy weight.

I have not written this thru any ill will to the proprietors but have given my views in this rambling way as I see it.

Without malice to anyone I am, Respectfully,
R. W. J. PARSONS.

DID HE SAVE ANYTHING?

The Reporter is taken to task this week by Mr. R. W. J. Parsons, one of our good friends in the Flat Rock community, on account of the series of articles which has been running in this paper under the heading "Community Co-operation."

In his article Mr. Parsons cites the purchase of three articles from a mail order concern, on which he claims he made a saving of thirty-five or forty dollars. If Mr. Parsons has really made this saving, and he certainly thinks he has, then he is more than justified in buying from the mail order house.

But did he save anything? Let us compare figures, as he gives them, and those obtained from one of our local merchants, who handles all the articles named by Mr. Parsons on which he claims so great a saving.

First Mr. Parsons says he bought a buggy from the mail order house and that it cost him \$52.50 laid down in Graham. He further states that parties who saw the buggy gave their opinion that the same buggy would cost in Graham at least \$70.00. If this be true Mr. Parsons got a real bargain. But did he get a bargain, or get a buggy that was worth only \$52.50. From a reasonable standpoint we would state that he paid all the buggy was worth, for the house from which he bought this buggy is known to be worth millions, and these millions were made in profits, not in giving bargains, and without doubt Mr. Parsons contributed to their profits in some amount when he bought the buggy from them.

This Graham merchant says he has a buggy that he can sell at the same price, and guarantee it to be as good in every particular as the buggy Mr. Parsons bought from the mail order house. And had Mr. Parsons bought the buggy in Graham he could have taken it out the same day he paid for it. Mr. Parsons says the buggy may be inspected by anyone who wishes to do so. An inspection would count for little unless a man would take the time to go over the buggy point by point with a buggy he could buy at home at the same price, in order to decide whether he got a better buggy. Then the matter of a guarantee comes up. The mail order house may guarantee their buggy, but should a wheel give down Mr. Parsons would be forced to send the wheel to the factory, pay express charges on it, and be out the use of his buggy for a period of from two weeks to two months, whereas if he had bought the buggy from the local merchant the wheel could be supplied instantly, and he would not be out the use of the buggy for any perceptible length of time.

We will not concede then, that Mr. Parsons saved anything on his purchase of a buggy from the mail order house.

Next in order he takes up the proposition of a great saving made on the purchase of two 10-inch turning plows, stating that he secured the plows from the mail order house at \$8.02 each. The same plows bought here, he says, would have cost him \$13.00. But were they the same plows? The local merchant says not. The plows Mr. Parsons got were made of crucible steel, while the plows Mr. Parsons had reference to were made of cast steel. He could have bought the same plow that he got from the mail order house in Graham at \$7.50, so instead of saving \$9.95 on the two plows, Mr. Parsons actually lost \$1.04.

Not only was the mail order house charging a higher price for plows, but they are also higher on other farming implements. Take their cultivators,

for instance. They quote the Little Jap, 6-plow, spring trip, at 29.80, less fenders and shovels. The shovels would cost \$1.90, fenders 50c and adding freight charges from Dallas of \$2.20 would bring the cost up to \$34.40. The Rock Island cultivator, one just as good as their Little Jap, if not better, can be bought in Graham for \$30.00, complete, and you will not even be forced to pay cash. When you trade with the mail order house, they force you to give up your cash before you can even see the goods.

These, Mr. Parsons, are only a few examples of the benefits derived by trading at home.

Next Mr. Parsons asks us why the newspapers never say anything about the enormous expense to the consumer occasioned by the fact that there are so many drummers.

Drummers need no defense at our hands; they really save the consumer ten times what they spend. If it were not for the drummer the prices of the necessities of life would be fifty per cent higher. The reason for this is that competition among the houses that send out representatives allows the merchant to buy his goods at the lowest possible price. If there were no drummers merchants would be forced to go to market much oftener and their expenses would be much greater than the expense drummers are put to, because of the fact that they only pay railroad fare from one town to another, and hotel bills while in that town. This is the only expense of the drummer that can be charged up to towns they visit, which is certainly very small, considering the volume of business done.

But the main thing, Mr. Parsons about trading at home, is that where a country is generally prosperous, most everybody prospers with it. What conveniences would you have at your home if there were no Graham? And if every farmer in the country bought his supplies from the mail order house what chance would there be for Graham as a town to exist? Would you have a free daily mail service if there were no Graham? If there were no towns in Texas where would you market your cotton? Would a railroad come to this part of the country if there were no towns to come to. Just what do you think your lot would be if we all traded with the mail order house. If we all decided to trade with the mail order houses it would be only a short time until you could not get anything from them. The merchants would move away, then others would follow, pretty soon we would have no town, the trains would fail to run, the postoffice would be abandoned, then you would have neither express or parcel post service, then, how would you get your supplies from the mail order house, and hasn't every farmer the same right to buy from the mail order house as you, Mr. Parsons.

You ask what would become of The Reporter were the farmers to boycott it. Had there been no Graham there would have been no Reporter. Had there been no farmers there would have been no Reporter. We must have support from all sides to prosper. And, we are like every other institution in Graham—without co-operation we cannot exist, and you Mr. Parsons, can hardly afford to count yourself out of that great multitude that has made Young county the excellent place it is, in which to live.

Taking everything into consideration, do you think you have helped yourself or the country either, Mr. Parsons, by buying those three articles from the mail order house?

Woman's Mission Society.

The W. M. S. of M. E. Church met in its regular social session with Mrs. Vick Monday afternoon, April 21st. Most of the Society members were there and a number of guests.

Brother Bowman being out of town the regular bible lesson was omitted and in its place the report given of the Woman's Missionary Council, which met in Fort Worth. The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in its convention is legislative, educational, and inspirational. Work of last year was reported, plans outlined for the coming year, and such resolutions and rules prescribed as were necessary. Among those present, besides the Council officers, with Miss Belle Bennett, President, and Bishop Mouzon, were foreign missionaries of all our foreign work in Brazil, China, Korea, Japan, Cuba, Mexico, Africa, also from all our home fields.

The Woman's Missionary Council collects and spends more than \$500,000 annually in its home and foreign work. The report of Mrs. F. E. H. Ross of Nashville, Tennessee, treasurer, showed a total of \$3,562,412.62 raised for this work during the quadrennial which this Convention celebrates.

The Society was fortunate in having meet with them Mrs. Foster of Aransas Pass, District Secretary of the Beeville District. Mrs. Johnson introduced her as one "who knows and does things." She gave a very interesting and instructive talk on our orphan's home at Waco, as she saw it as a recent visitor. She spoke especially of the discipline, the happiness of the children, the food they eat, and the "perfectly sanitary condition of the Home. She made especial mention of the beautiful condition of the dairy, and the Jersey cows, "Be she said. She also spoke on the cause I'm so fond of sweet milk" recent Council Meeting, more especially on its inspirational and spiritual benefits. By request of Mrs. Johnson she told us how to organize and keep interested our young ladies in Junior Missionary work. The especial point she made was giving them a book to study on missions.

Just here the hostess passed paper and pencils and the guests were soon busy trying to guess the article advertised by the pictures pinned to the wall. Mrs. Burkett and Mrs. Mabry tied. Mrs. Burkett guessed the lucky number. Again another contest was engaged in when each guest was given a penny with instructions to write "what she saw." Mrs. L. D. Clark was the winner, with 37. Mrs. Bowman running her a close second with thirty-five words. Being told to find the messenger on the cent, Mrs. M. K. Graham immediately said "one cent." All these ladies had the colors of the society pinned on them.

Guests other than Society members: Mesdames Parrish, M. K. Graham, Edd Mabry, Clark, Chism, Garrett, Buck Stewart, McLaren, and Foster of Aransas Pass.

Delicious fruit punch, angel food and fruit cake were served. Publicity Superintendent.

The school at Monument closed last Friday, after a most successful term, under the direction of Con Singleton as principal and Miss Alice Gibson as assistant. The close of the school was celebrated with an all day picnic, loads of delicious dinner on the grounds, a rabbit drive, and public addresses by the various candidates of the county. The principal speech of the morning was made by County Superintendent B. W. King, on educational subjects.

Catholics and the Public School.

Are Catholics loyal to the public schools of our country?

There has appeared several items of late in 'The Reporter' in regard to the attitude of the Roman Catholic church toward the public school system of America.

There seems to be some very vague ideas among the uninformed as to the real attitude of Catholics to the public school.

For the benefit of such as think that the Catholic church has any degree of love for, or loyalty to our public schools we would say that their real attitude is one of undying hatred, and relentless war.

In proof of this we here submit a few extracts from some of their very best authorities: Listen reader, the Church Progress, of St. Louis, Mo., had at the time it made the following statements the highest endorsement of any Catholic paper in America, it being endorsed by seven bishops and two archbishops. Therefore, we may safely conclude that it gives the real and official attitude of Catholics on the school question:

"The Colorado Catholic asks us: 'Does our esteemed contemporary really believe that the public schools are doing the devil's work?' We do and seriously do. A Godless school system must be doing the devil's work very effectually. To educate generations into atheism is as satisfactory work as satan can desire. An atheistic school system surely cannot be doing God's work. The hideous fetish called the public school is only an ugly idol after all. We are not to be silenced into reverence and awe by the noisy clamor of its devotees. We are not afraid of the taboo its votaries would pronounce against us because we will not see an angel of light in a demon of darkness. Atheism is atheism, infidelity is infidelity. Call them education or enlightenment, cloak them in the garb of patriotism, wrap them up in the American flag, decorate them as bulwarks of our liberties, you cannot change them, however, you blind shallow minds and catch the fickle applause of the mob.

"We do not disparage, abuse as our Colorado Catholic infers. Those personally engaged in administering the system according to state regulations. We know conscientious, moral, honest, sincere public school teachers. We respect them; but what have they personally to do with the system any more than the employes of the government with the systems of the departments they administer? Our Colorado Catholic fails to understand that we are inveighing against the public school system."—Church Progress, August 29, 1891.

The above from the Church Progress and Catholic World states the Catholic view of the public school very clearly, also their attitude toward the public school, and Catholics claim that they are always and everywhere the same. We may safely conclude that this is still their view and attitude in Texas as it is in Missouri.

In another issue the same editor says: "We are ultramontane. We do not see how we could be anything else and be a consistent Catholic. An ultramontane means one who believes, for instance, in the temporal power of the Pope. We are as ultramontane on this point as we can be. Indeed we know no point in Catholic doctrine or its cognates in which we are not ultramontane. One of these points is the school question. There can be no doubt of our ultramontanism there. In short ultramontane really means to be as Catholic as the Pope. We have always been and always will be ultramontane. We haven't the least

sympathy with liberalism or liberal Catholics as they like to be called. Liberalism is the pet deviltry of the day, and we will form no alliance direct or indirect, offensive or defensive with the powers of the nether world."—Church Progress and Catholic World, July 4th, 1891.

Rev. Ryan, pastor of the Roman Catholic church in Du-buque, Ia., recently made the following statement from his pulpit: "Show me a graduate of a free school and I will show you a blackguard, fair on the outside but rotten to the core."

The American, April 20, 1894, and again the Church Progress of August 15, 1891 says: "We are glad to welcome the Catholic Review to the ranks of the ultramontanes. It has come out boldly for the no "compromise" principle on the school question. This is the enduring principle which comes out triumphant in the end. This is the principle on which we have been fighting the school question from the beginning. This is the line on which we intend to fight it out to the end. It is a fight, too, not a skirmish or a truce, but a fight with big guns, horse and foot, where to yield an inch is to invite defeat."

These statements are as plain as any one need to want that want to know a thing at all.

1st. They say the public school is doing the devil's work.
2nd. That to be a graduate of the free school is to be a rotten blackguard.
3rd. The public school system is condemned by all good Catholics.

4th. That all loyal Catholics are ultramontane, and as Catholic as the Pope.

5th. That they have always fought the public school system and always will.

This they are doing now everywhere they have any shadow of a chance to win. In the town of Refugio, in Refugio county, Texas, the nuns have taught the school in their convent for about twenty years, wearing their official garb, and having all the children to address them as Sister So-and-so, never using their citizen name except to sign the contracts with the Catholic trustees, then draw the free school money for teaching their own schools; and now after the non-Catholics have procured an injunction refraining them from drawing the school money, they are stubbornly fighting for the money, and using every effort to prevent the people having a public free school taught by non-Catholics.

Wake up American citizens! Don't elect any Catholic as teacher in our free schools, nor elect them to any office, for remember the Church Progress says: "We are ultramontane in every point of Catholic doctrine and its cognates." And in short that just simply means that every loyal Catholic is an avowed enemy to every institution and principle of the American government from the president's office to the district school, that is not dominated or administered by them.

Observer.

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PLOW BOY'S DEFENSE.

If I can get a few more boosters like School Boy I am sure to get elected. One man said "I commenced to read School Boy's reply to Plow Boy and it disgusted me so I quit." He is a "home-owner," too, School Boy. As to me quoting scripture to School Boy will say I never thought of doing such a thing. But if the reader will refer to The Reporter of April 2nd and re-read that good scripture which School Boy thought was given for his benefit, and then read his reply in last week's Reporter they will see with what christian (?) spirit School Boy would treat a brother's remonstrance, though it were based on the Holy Scriptures. But I had never suspected that School Boy was a christian, hence would not have tried to apply the aforesaid good scripture to him. Now, I did think at one time that School Boy was a Roman Catholic; he defended them so vigorously, and then I just can't get away from the notion that it is the "hit dog that howls."

It seems to me that a man who has "been dealing with the public too long to let so trifling a thing as that arouse him to anger," should have gotten broad enough, meanwhile, to let so "trifling a thing" as a fellow trying to defend "our public school system" pass without giving vent to so much bitterness, and exhibiting so much admiration for the parochial schools of the Roman Catholic church, while at the same time he is principal of one of our public schools. Hold on now School Boy, just keep your shirt on: no harm to tell the truth you know.

I presume that most every voter in the precinct was aware of the fact that I did not own a home long before I announced for Commissioner; likely School Boy was about the last one to find it out, so he thought he had made a wonderful discovery and must let the people know it.

And say, School Boy, who said anything about "luck?" I am sure I did not for I do not believe in "luck" either; I did say something about "adversity" and business reversals." Come School Boy, stay with the proposition, let's treat each other fair. The files of The Reporter will show that I never said one word about "luck." Neither do I covet the "home" of any man in the county; I only wish that every man who farms owned the land he cultivates, and I do not believe there is a "common home owner" in the county but who wishes as much. In fact, the question of "Homes for the Homeless" or "Farms for the Farmless," is getting to be quite a popular one, or else some of our most popular men, democratic leaders, are dealing out deceit to us. Tom Ball in his Fort Worth speech said "I stand with the Progressive Democrats of Texas and the Nation. There will be no backward track when I am governor. I'll help to speed the day of land distribution rather than landlordism. I'll help the tenants of Texas to become owners of homes." Jim Ferguson in his Blum speech declared for a system of regulated tenantry and said: "All this big windy theory about the government loaning you money at cheap rates of interest to buy a home may do your grandchildren some good, but it will not help you." Now School Boy you know as well as I do that Tom Ball and Jim Ferguson are the only logical candidates for governor of Texas, and is it not plain to you that these men recognize the fact that something is wrong with our landlord and tenant system? Or do you think they are playing for the votes? I do not think so.

I am aware of the fact that

some men would not have a home though it were given to them. I also know, and so do you, that there are men, right in this county, too, who are absolutely wearing the lives of themselves and families away trying to pay for a home, who, when it is paid for, if indeed it ever is, will be too old and broken down to enjoy it. Some few are paying for homes of course, but as a rule the money is coming from other sources than the farm.

As to your very unjust insinuation that I might "spew" out the county's money, I shall just consider the source, throw the mantle of charity over it and proceed with my campaign as though there wasn't a "School Boy" in existence. Submitting my case entirely to the common sense, honesty and fairness of the voters of this precinct. If a plurality of them want me to be their Commissioner, School Boy can't help himself, and I feel that the tenant class is going to resent School Boy's spiel that "a tenant should not hold office," and we tenants are in the majority, School Boy, to say nothing of the sensible home owners, laborers and business men who regard a man as man regardless of what he owns, for they know that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."—Luke 12:15. Observe me behind the scriptures again School Boy. Do you not wish there were some behind which you might hide?

School Boy says "Now Plow Boy I am writing this with all good will that I command and assure you there is no ill will at all." Why of course pot (?) Who would think it "ill will" to try to defeat a fellow for office simply because he doesn't own a home?

Neum, neum, you little fellows just make me hungry; I wish I could get hold of a sure 'nough "man."

I remain your affectionate,
Plow Boy.

May 16 Designated as Rooster Day in Kentucky and Tennessee.

In the interest of the infertile egg the poultry specialists have started a campaign for the elimination of the rooster among poultry flocks during the seasons between May 1 and December 1. In this connection Saturday, May 16, has been set aside by the people of those States as rooster day in Kentucky and Tennessee, when every poultry dealer in these states has agreed to pay the same prices for roosters as they do for hens and pullets. There is an enormous loss in eggs as the result of the fertile egg, especially during the summer and fall months, and it is for this reason the department recommends that the rooster be kept away from the hens during these seasons.

Fertile eggs spoil very quickly when subjected to the ordinary methods of handling on the farm and when marketed during the hot summer months under adverse conditions. Infertile eggs will keep in good condition in temperatures which will cause fertile eggs to rot.

It is estimated that one-third of the tremendous annual loss of eggs is due to the fertile egg.

The department specialists advise that on the 1st of May all male birds be either killed, sold, or confined until the 1st of December, or as late as the 1st of January in some localities, inasmuch as it is not necessary to the laying qualities of a hen that a rooster be maintained in the flock. Moreover, his presence during those months means fertile eggs, which mean bad eggs and the consequent loss to the producer and the consumer.

Try that 75c combination.

BUNGER

We are having plenty of rain for the present. It makes me think of old times, like seventy-nine and eighty-four. We had lots of rain and good crops. Some of you Correspondents don't know just how long I have been here. I moved here in '73. The big rise in the Brazos was in '76.

W. A. Ribble went over into Stevens county, between Eliasville and Breckenridge, to look at a bunch of steers.

J. L. McLaren was taken to see the ice plant in a big car and walked back to town.

The protracted meeting of the First Baptist Church of Bunger will begin Friday night before the Third Sunday in August.

Say Mr. George, you would not have thought the Goose was sitting if you had been with her Friday evening. She was out in all that flood.

R. D. Berry was in Graham during the big rain Friday and rode out with R. L. McLaren, Joe Parsons and Jim Ferguson. They had their wagon bows up but had no sheet on them.

The Gooseneck ball team crossed bats with the Foxes at Fox Hollow school house Friday, the score being 7 to 6 in favor of Gooseneck. I can't see for the life of me, how the Gooseneck team played so good

after eating like they did. Silas Wester of Pickwick has us all skinned when it comes to milking. He inserts an eye dropper and all he has to do is hold the bucket in the right place.

O. M. James transplanted tomato plants Saturday evening.

There was singing at the new church this afternoon, Sunday.

Walter Youngblood says he has to work Monday rain or shine for the Spanish thistles are half leg high already.

Willie and Murray Condor spent Saturday and Sunday in the Connor Creek community.

George Berry has come in from Fort Worth to see the folks and eat peaches for a while.

Bob Watson and family went to the dugout Friday night.

Say Plow Boy, suppose there was a hole drilled straight thru this earth and a twenty-pound ball dropped into it, where would the ball stop, if it ever did?

Sallie tried her best to get the Gander and goslings awake to go to the cellar, but she failed, the old Gander did nothing but quack when she called him.

These big rains have washed the fields pretty bad.

Here Dago, take my pencil, my head has gotten to wool-gathering.

Goose.
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Live News from our Correspondents

MT. PLEASANT

Was sure glad to see the "smiling" names of Jack o' Diamonds and Spinster Maid in The Reporter once more, if we did fail to greet them last week. Rather singular though, that they should both come back at the same time.

Don't Miller Bend beat the band for "little" correspondents? It used to be Little Boy, now it's Little Girl. Well, little folks are all right. I am just a boy myself and I tell you I am a fine piece of furniture.

"General Green" is marshaling his forces on the fields and ere long the sons of toil must engage him in mortal combat.

Yes Bono, D. H. Creager is teaching, or rather has been teaching, our school, which closed last Friday. Prof. Creager is a good teacher, at least he has given satisfaction here, and it is quite likely that he will teach our next term.

The social gathering at the school house last Saturday was a success in every sense of the word, except that the crowd was smaller than it should have been. But those who were there were of the very best people in Young county, and that can't be beat in the world at large. The true purpose of the gathering was to clean off the school grounds and paint the school house, but we had a good rain on Friday night and the walls were too damp to paint so the painting was deferred until some time in the near future, when the faithful ones shall meet again, break bread, mingle voices and paint our school house. The grounds were cleaned off, stumps and dead trees grubbed out, prickly pear beds and all thorny shrubbery removed. The reader will remember ours is a new school ground, never having been cleaned off, so it was almost in the wild woods. While all this work was being done by men and boys the good ladies were not idle by any means, but were busily engaged in arranging and spreading one of those famous Young county dinners on the ground, and they certainly did their part nobly on this occasion. Just about straight-up twelve o'clock and about the time the last stump was taken out the call "dinner's ready" greeted the listening ear, and well-no-use trying to tell it.

After all had eaten to satisfaction and the fragments taken up, the organ was placed in position with Prof. Creager in charge, and sweet music floated out on the air, after which J. L. Graves, candidate for county clerk, made a short speech, followed by an interesting talk by Prof. Creager along educational lines. J. L. Graves arrived at 11:30. You see, he missed his calculations a few minutes, dinner wasn't quite ready. We were somewhat disappointed to find that W. E. Crim was not in his accustomed place beside Mr. Graves and was doubly sorry when we learned the cause of his not coming; that Mrs. Crim was not well. We had learned that these gentlemen were coming out to help us and as we were desirous of ascertaining the kind of stuff they were made of the largest stump on the ground was reserved for them to take up. When Mr. Graves arrived alone, we showed him the stump and expressed our disappointment that Mr. Crim did not come so they might take up the stump (not thinking for a minute that Mr. Graves would tackle it alone) but he said, "Give me a grubbing hoe, I'll take it up." And he went to work, knew just where to hit, too, proved himself a true woodsman, and we

do not doubt that Mr. Crim is good stuff, else Mr. Graves would not campaign with him.

Taken all together the day was a good one, well spent, and will long be remembered by all who took part, as well as those whose conscience will always hurt them because they would not come out and be friendly and sociable. It occurs to me that it is high time that all who have the least bit of community pride in their hearts, to say nothing of the love of God they claim to have in their hearts, were falling in line, putting their shoulders to the wheel and trying to do something.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pardue visited at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright's last Sunday.

Will Holden of the Stovall farm on Clear Fork, was at Mr. Martin's last Saturday and we neglected to say in last week's paper that Mrs. Holden spent most of the week with Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Mote Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wylie Moore and son, Dallas, visited at Mr. Ely's in Pleasant Hill last Sunday.

Hollis Moore and Albert Brown got water bound in Graham last Friday night.

Be careful Guess Who as to the names you use in The Reporter. Last week you used one, the owner of which, does not allow it. Oh, I can't tell you through The Reporter. Will tell you when I see you.

DUFF PRAIRIE

Rain, rain, mud, mud—no grumbling. At last the drouth is broken by a rain—just as we expected. The best estimates on rainfall, as made by our weather bureau here, said estimates taken from the wash tubs and tin cans in the yard, is somewhere from 5 to 7 inches. With this fine season, wheat and oats promise very fair. Oat acreage in this part is a little shy on account of the winter freeze out, but wheat acreage seems to be at least normal.

We can now almost hear the harvest bells ringing. But many a slip twist the cup and lip in Texas, we never know what is next.

Did we say "harvest bells"? Yes, but they are heard only by a great stretch of the imagination. There are other bells more certain, more harmonious bells already heard.

At the home of the bride's parents at South Bend, Sunday, April 26, at 6 o'clock p. m. Mr. W. E. Harrell and Miss Lela McCluskey were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Many friends and relatives were present to enjoy the happy occasion, and to wish them a long life of prosperity and usefulness.

Quite a number of us enjoyed a good singing and Sunday school at South Bend last Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. At the same place and hour, we hope next Sunday to enjoy a like occasion. Let all lovers of song service be present on time with every available song book.

Mr. Editor, I think there may be some other news items of our neighborhood, but we are too busy resting and trying to keep our powder dry so we can put up a strong fight against "General Green" with his army that never sleeps.

I shall gladly give the rest of my space to the Editor's poem, which I so much enjoy reading.

Sorrell Top,

CONNOR CREEK

People in this part of the country have no room to complain of dry weather. The hardest rains we've had in a long time fell Friday and Monday. The fields were badly washed, and roads are in bad condition.

J. T. Shahan and Kirb Chandler went to Graham Friday and the rains prevented their returning until Saturday evening.

In spite of muddy roads there was a good attendance at Sunday school.

Mr. Hallam and Mr. Kessler of Graham were welcome visitors at our Sunday school.

Miss Lottie Williamson and Lee Chestnut, Miss Myrtle Chestnut and Fred Moren attended Sunday school here.

Misses Florence and Ora Parker and Mrs. Jim Guyden visited Mrs. K. Chandler and sister, Miss Mable Hayden, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Posy Bowers spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Bowers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shahan.

Arthur Shahan, Simon Gilmore, Kirb Chandler and J. T.

Shahan went for a pleasant walk, and landed at Mr. Carter's Monday afternoon.

Misses Ora and Florence Parker and Mable Hayden called at Mrs. J. T. Shahan's Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. Carter has the blues. A friend, after visiting a short time here, returned home and informed his neighbors that Mr. Carter's place was nothing but a little sand hill and a few ditches. Mr. Carter is fully convinced that there is no sand hill, just ditches.

Misses Dora and May Smith spent Tuesday at Mrs. K. Chandler's.

Misses Lottie Williamson, Myrtle Chestnut and Mable Hayden spent Sunday evening pleasantly at Mr. Carter's; also present were Lee Chestnut, Fred Moren, Bill Williamson and Wit Chestnut.

The writer has learned that Mr. Carter is not so blue, that he can't "crack a joke" or "spin a yarn."

Next Sunday is Rev. Hall's day to preach at Connor. Everybody is invited to attend church and stay to Sunday school.

Mecca.

HENRY CHAPEL

This section was visited by a good rain last Friday night. It was certainly a great benefit to the farmers.

The people generally failed in getting a stand of corn. Cotton planting has begun. It is to be hoped the cold weather has at last ended and crops will make better progress.

Mrs. Matthis and son of Denton county visited relatives here from Thursday till Sunday.

There were one hundred and thirty-two present at the cemetery working Saturday. The yard was put in good condition. The next working will be Saturday afternoon, May 30th.

Our school closed last Friday. The entertainment at night was cut short on account of the rain. It hadn't rained in so long the people thought it could not rain, and the house was filled to overflowing.

Hello, Little Girl. The Miller Bend Correspondent I am talking to. Haven't you or some of your neighbors a pet deer over there? I think I heard of one being caught there last summer. Please inform me in your next letter.

Quite a number of the Salem, Flat Rock and Connor Creek people attended the entertainment here Friday night.

Mr. Editor we tried to garden a little bit this afternoon. Hadn't been at work long till we discovered we had the rows crossed, we didn't care to make bad matters worse so we planted one of the rows in black wax beans and the other in pumpkins. Think the cross between the two ought to produce some fine fruit. However, this is our first attempt to graft pumpkins into a bean vine. Will write the results later.

The above was written for last week but not in time for print.

Hello! Mr. Editor and Correspondents. It rains most every day here now, sometimes twice a day.

Rev. Cook filled his appointment here Sunday. He didn't just preach a sermon, but gave instructions on the rules of the church instead.

Our Sunday school is growing in interest. Had quite a good crowd Sunday, there being eighty-two present. Let everyone come and take a few shares of stock in the Sunday school. There is nothing more profitable to invest in.

S. W. Ratcliffe and family and Mrs. M. R. Jarnagin and daughter, Miss Edna, spent last Sunday visiting among the Dago's. Don't suppose they intended for this report to get out so will have to be a little careful how we talk.

Those who were wanting a thirty-inch rain in fifteen minutes certainly got their wishes gratified Sunday night and Monday morning. It was a ground-washer and a culvert mover, at least it moved several down this way, leaving the fields badly washed and the roads in bad condition.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Glidewell of Dillingham attended services here Sunday.

L. P. Moren and son, Will and daughter, Miss Amanda, are visiting at Kennedale, Tarrant county this week.

Miss Ruth McLaren spent Sunday night and Monday with Miss Dora Ratcliffe.

J. F. Gilmore took a bunch of cattle to Graford Sunday.

Louis Anderson and family and Miss Letha Vick of Finis attended services at the Chapel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Callie Shannon closed her school at Red Top the 17th, and has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Campbell of Graham, returning home Wednesday.

There is some talk of having the school entertainment over

in the near future, with some more added; this being on account of rain the night of the entertainment and only a portion of the program was rendered.

School bond election May 9th. Everybody invited.

Yes Dreamy Eyes, the moon seems to have gotten in good humor again, and gee! my! how it rained.

We went to Graham last Friday and it sot in raining fore we could get started home. So that fellow that lives there in town, what's running for commissioner of this precinct invited us to stay all night with him. Well we had a mighty good supper, after which we played several games of dominoes or forty-two, I believe they said we played some of both, but I couldn't tell one from the other so I'm not certain what we played. Way towards midnight they showed us in the other room and I began to look around for a bed. All I could see was a great big dresser with a glass front. That fellow what wants to be commissioner, took hold of that thing, give it a pull and down it came. I said "good-bye looking glass," but the back end of the thing was filled up with quilts and pillows, in fact, there was a whole bed in the back end of it. So he bid us good night and left us. I told Mrs. Dago if we slept on that thing it would be the first time I ever slept on a dresser. But when in Rome we would do as Rome does. Our room was furnished with one of these little hanging lamps, so when I got ready to turn in I tried to blow that thing out and I couldn't, so I blowed till I give out and decided to go to bed and just let it burn. When I lay down that fool thing tried to shine right in my eyes. The next place worked better. I took my old socks and shirt, wrapped the thing up tight and fast; this was a big improvement and we congratulated ourselves on having things shaped up for a little nap the remainder of the night. Well, it rained all night, and it is a certain fact, that there are more bulldozers, bullfrogs and roosters in that town than any place I ever stayed yet. The whole frog family seemed to join in one grand chorus. "Tis the old time swimming is good enough for me." It seemed to me there was one continuous roll of distant thunder, all night, but just before day we discovered it was that fellow snoring in the other room. Don't think there was a family in town that pailed their cows that night. The cows and calves bawled all night. All nature seemed to be wide awake as well as myself. We felt pretty well next morning, with the exception that I stumbled over the rocking chair that night and skinned my collar bone pretty bad, just below the knee. Just as soon as the city health officer rids the town of those frogs and roosters and the people ketch up on milkin we are going back and stay a day or two. They have a whole heap of mighty good to eat, and I believe I'd rather like the people, too. Dago.

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SOUTH BEND

Rain! rain! Who said rain? We have certainly been blessed with bountiful rains since I last wrote. Everybody is wearing smiles. We had the hardest rain this morning (Monday) we have had in years. The tanks are all full and the ground is wet. Let us remember to give thanks to the One who sendeth all our blessings. Rejoice and give praise.

No mail Monday on account of high water.

Rev. Marcus M. Chunn filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

J. J. Scott and J. D. Dawson took Sunday dinner with O. A. McBrayer and family.

W. McDavid and family and Misses Eunice Holcomb and Vera Nell Hale took Sunday dinner with W. A. Corbett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Braddock of Duff Prairie attended church Sunday and ate dinner with the Holcomb's.

On last Friday Miss Bertie Cook, who has taught the Upper Tonk school this term, brought her pupils to the bridge on the Brazos for a picnic. In the afternoon they rendered a short program and invited South Bend down. I of course went, and enjoyed it, too. On account of the approaching storm she dismissed before finishing the program.

I wonder if I didn't see Jolly Girl. Did I Jolly Girl?

Let us all remember that next Friday, May 1st, is cemetery working day. Every one having relatives or friends buried there come and bring tools and dinner. All disinterested parties are welcome.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson on April 20, a girl. Mother and baby doing nicely. Please remember these announcements: Preaching Saturday and Sunday at 11 by Rev. G. W. Black; Sunday school at 10 a. m. and at 3 p. m. Singing Sunday at 2 p. m., led by J. Quincy Adams.

On last Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCluskey, Mr. W. E. Harrell and Miss Lela Virginia McCluskey were united in marriage, Rev. Marcus M. Chunn officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Renick of Tonk Valley and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Groene of Duff Prairie were in South Bend Sunday attending the Harrell-McCluskey wedding.

Leroy Britton and Misses Bettie and Sadie Scott left last Thursday for Elbert, Texas to attend the closing of the Prairie View school, taught by Miss Bettie Dawson. Miss Dawson is one of our home girls. They are expected back tomorrow (Tuesday.) Honeysuckle 2nd.

LONE OAK

Goodness haven't we been having some rain the last few days? Every thing has overflowed and it is still raining today (Monday.) We sure have a good season in the ground now.

Most all the stuff that was planted is up and the grain is looking real nice since the rain. A few of the Lone Oak people attended singing and church at Red Top Sunday.

Ulric McBride left for his home at Quinlan, Texas, last Tuesday.

Miss Norma Hamm visited relatives at Loving Saturday night.

Albert McBee and family visited relatives at Red Top Saturday night and Sunday.

Lum and Roy McBride made a trip to the Loving ranch Saturday, where they purchased a team of horses, each.

Bee Martin and family visited relatives here Sunday night.

Will Wall and Noah Cantwell called at Chas. Stiffler's for some bicycle repairs Sunday afternoon.

There was a singing at the home of J. V. Hamm Sunday night. All present report a very pleasant time.

A. L. Brantley, candidate for county attorney, was chinning the voters of this community one-day last week.

Lum McBride spent Saturday night with C. C. McBride's family.

With best wishes I remain as ever, Brunette.

MING BEND

My, haven't we had some nice rains and also some hard winds that wasn't so nice? No damage was done, however, except I hear some of the farmers complaining about it hurting the corn.

Andrew Smith made a business trip to the city Saturday.

Several from this community took in the picnic and ball game at Fox Hollow Friday. All report a nice time and plenty of good things to eat.

Everett Newby visited his sister, Mrs. Ribble, Saturday night.

Will Pickard had the misfortune of being kicked by one of his horses last Thursday. He was hurt pretty bad, but glad to report him better and able to be up at this writing.

Mrs. O. D. Lisle has been on the sick list the past few days.

Walter James returned to his work in Sand Valley last Tuesday.

Malcolm Williams, who is going to school at Graham, visited home folks from Friday till Sunday.

Riley Sims and family visited at Mr. Newby's a while Sunday afternoon.

Andy Owen and Chester Gibbs made their calls as usual at W. A. Pickard's and S. L. Ribble's Sunday.

Well, Snowflake did you get to practice that new game Friday night? I guess you did. I did, but pardon me please, if I say I forgot my cat.

Little William Owen has been puny this week.

As news is scarce I will ring off by complimenting Mr. Editor with his stick horse and the Correspondents with so many nice letters. Rainy Day.

ELIASVILLE

My, my, we sure have had the rain; the most we have had for a long, long time. This must have been one of the rains Mr. Yancey told us about, one time. If it wasn't we may never expect to see one like the description he gave.

The farmers are greatly rejoiced since the rain as the grain was needing rain very much.

The young people enjoyed an

entertainment last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ardis, given in honor of the Misses Wootton of Murray and Miss Nettie Parrott of Woodson.

Mrs. B. Stringer and Miss Thelma Damewood of Ivan visited with the Misses Elledge a part of last week.

G. W. Pratt and family visited in Woodson last week.

Rev. Dillinger preached for us Sunday morning at 11, also in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. The sermons were enjoyed by a large congregation.

City Health Department.

The city health department has met with a few little obstructions in the past week, which we hope to adjust without any material trouble.

As we are aware of the fact that some don't understand the object of this department; it is for the health and happiness of your family as well as the business interests of the Graham people that we are striving to give you a clean town, in which all citizens ought to have the high sense of civic pride. We feel assured that no one expects us to show them special favors.

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The wet season is here and the weeds are growing. This is a reminder that a few idle moments after business hours can be spent very profitably in pulling and cutting the weeds in your yards. If you don't your neighbor will be asking you why?

Some think because they are on rented premises that it is not their duty to keep their places in a sanitary condition. The requirements are the same as if you owned the property. Little do you know that your neighbors are complaining to this department about your

carelessness in complying with our request to clean up.

This applies to the rear of business places as well as residences. It will be to your interest to look after these unsanitary conditions which you know do exist. By so doing this department will be relieved of further trouble.

Respectfully,
W. H. LOGAN,
City Health Officer.

A Merry Social.

Misses Beulah Allen and Ethel Birdwell entertained a number of the younger set last Saturday evening, at the home of Miss Beulah, with a delightful rook party. Four tables played at this fascinating game, Scarborough Mabry making high and favored with a handsome box of stationery. In a cut among all the guests, Sam Casey captured an inviting box of candy. At the close of the merry games, iced grape sherbet with angel and devil's food were served to the following: Misses Winnie Tankersley, Ada Rickman, Lorena Wallace, Lillian Hall, Nell Graham, Edith Birdwell, Beulah Allen, Ethel Birdwell, Lauretta Brady of Galveston; Messrs. Scarborough Mabry, Edd Jeffery, Andrew Jackson, Sam Casey, Albert Holt, J. B. Norris, and Bill Johnson. The guests departed just before the rain storm, all delighted with the charming hospitality of the two fair young hostesses.

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INDIAN MOUND

Last week we had two good rains. Then it showered nearly all day Wednesday. This gives us a pretty fair season.

G. M. James and Austin Bird went up near Ingleside Thursday.

Plow Boy, I want to ask you a simple question. You mentioned the lop-sided fellow who can't mention all kinds of religious services from his community. Didn't a Mount Pleasant Correspondent write up one of these Holiness meetings last year in a very unsatisfactory manner to the preacher and his congregation and was told something about it at church one day later on, which called for another write up that I am sure wasn't very agreeable to the preacher. Now Brother Plow Boy, if we were to let the Holiness preacher decide who the lop-sided fellow was in cases of this kind who do you suppose would receive the sentence? I have only one way to do the right thing and that's to do what I honestly believe I ought to do. I leave these people alone. I think that's treating them much nicer in every way than if I was attending their meeting and writing them up part of the time telling how fine the sermons were, then turn around and condemn their sermons the next time.

B. W. Drum went to Jermyn the third Sunday to visit his married daughters, who live there, and his little grandson came home with him to spend the past week.

Messrs. Kinley, Austin Bird, D. W. Beard, R. G. Taylor, G. M. James, W. W. and E. G. Williamson went to Graham Saturday.

Misses Minnie Fisher, Ivy Bryan, and Gertrude Taylor took dinner Sunday with Misses Corine and Ruth Stevens.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher visited Mrs. E. G. Williamson Saturday afternoon.

Misses Ruth and Corine Stevens visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Newman, at Hawkins Chapel last week.

Ira Huckaby and wife, and Mrs. W. R. Dollins and children went to Stephens county last Wednesday to visit Sam Douglass and family. They returned Saturday evening.

Sunday night we kids, both large and small had a good singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCommas.

Sunday night and Monday we received our largest rain for this season. It put the creek up till we kids couldn't go to school, neither did our Prof. go. Prof. Simpson, Floyd and Jno. McCommas spent Monday afternoon with G. M. James.

Miss Virgie Borchardt spent Sunday night with Miss Grace James.

Messrs Douglass went to Graham last Friday and were caught in a hard rain coming home.

Joe Birdwell from Graham and R. B. Hightower of White Rose passed through here Saturday with a bunch of cattle.

Dago, I believe it was you that was asking last year about a three-foot rain that hadn't been seen since 1908. I began to think this (Monday) morning that if you were up here you might get to see it again.

Mrs. W. R. Cox of Newcastle visited her parents, G. W. McCommas and wife, here the last of the week, also her sister, Mrs. E. G. Williamson.

Mr. Editor, next Thursday is when the Sewing Circle meets with Mrs. G. W. McCommas, bring your thimble and needle and come up and we will go.

Mrs. B. W. Drum visited relatives here one day last week, but we failed to learn just who it was.

Prof. W. E. Simpson visited home folks near Bryson Saturday and Sunday.

FLAT ROCK

More hail, more rain and more ditches. We've been having the kind of rains Mr. Yancey told us about last year, I don't remember the exact name he gave them, but I certainly do remember the kind.

Wheat and oats are looking fine.

The farmers will be busy for a while now trying to get rid of the weeds and some have their cotton to plant yet. The ones that had not planted their cane, maize, etc., planted last week and are expecting a good crop.

Mrs. Gaines, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Emma Cook, left Saturday for Bridgeport to visit relatives.

Miss Jennie Belle Hunter of Graham visited Mrs. Brit Alford last Tuesday.

Bro. Roark preached a splendid sermon Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parsons are the happy parents of a fine baby girl since Sunday night.

Jim Corley is helping Brit Alford plant his cotton this week.

Horace Fain spent Sunday at E. H. Corley's.

Jolly Girl and Rex Cornish of Graham attended church here Sunday.

J. M. Taylor spent Sunday night with Mr. Robbins of Tonk Valley.

Mr. Hazelton has been sick the past week, but was able to attend Sunday school and church Sunday afternoon.

Little Annie Hodges visited a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Charlie Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford visited her parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Gaines is visiting C. J. Cook and family.

Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons visited at Mr. Hodges' Tuesday afternoon.

Hubert Craig traveled down the lane to Mr. Taylor's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fain and baby visited at Mr. White's.

Bro. Roark and little daughter, Linnie, Brit Mays and little daughter, Anna, called at Mr. Corley's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maggie Taylor and Mr. Hubert Craig went to Rock Creek Monday night.

Mrs. Iva Fain returned last Tuesday from a visit with her parents near Newcastle. Her brother and sister came home with her and stayed a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford visited at Brit Alford's last Tuesday afternoon.

You Correspondents make me hungry talking about people going fishing. I wonder if our good Editor won't take us fishing next reunion day.

Sunday school next Sunday strictly at 3 o'clock. Everybody come with a good lesson and bring somebody with you.

Candy Kid.

KOMO

Tap! tap! May I come in for a few minutes chat this week? I will try and not wear my welcome out.

Thank you Jolly Girl for your pencil, but I think you will decide, if you haven't done so already, that you had better keep it, for you are a far better scribe than I am.

Elder I. W. Steel of Cedar Creek attended church at Komo Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bower visited G. R. White and family Wednesday night and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Martin visited G. R. White and family Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Eddie Akers visited at J. T. Townsend's Saturday afternoon.

Elder D. J. E. Clark filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

A good rain fell here on Friday evening and night. I am

sure it was appreciated by all. The wheat had begun to suffer for rain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Guess visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Burnett visited Miss Mollie Elkins Saturday.

Quite a crowd attended church here Sunday. We are glad to have them come and invite them back.

Miss Mollie Elkins went to Eliasville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Martin took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. White and family.

Elder and Mrs. D. J. E. Clark took dinner with W. E. Lynch and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock and children, Mrs. Ball and children of South Bend attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Austin White and Miss Eddie Akers took Sunday dinner with Mrs. W. E. Lynch.

Well Jolly Girl take your pencil and I'll go. Thank you very much. Pansy.

TONK VALLEY

Rain, well I guess so. Since last Friday evening has come several large rains, but this morning (Monday) it came a regular flood. I have heard of several tanks being ruined and nearly every one has spoken of their land being badly washed.

When it rains it rains forever. When it is dry it's dry eternally.

Our school closed Friday. Miss Bertie Cook being our teacher taught a successful school. She is worthy of much praise for her excellent work.

Friday morning Miss Bertie and the school children and a few of their parents met at the school house and went from there to the river, where a nice little picnic was enjoyed by all. About 12 o'clock the finest dinner you nearly ever saw was spread and of course we all enjoyed this, but not like the men did. In the afternoon a nice little program was rendered by the children. We had to return home before we got ready, too, on account of a large cloud rising and some didn't get home before it started raining.

Honeysuckle 2nd I believe I had the advantage of you at the picnic. I knew you and you didn't me.

Garrett Robertson and wife visited at her father's, Mr. Reed's, at Rocky Mound Saturday until Monday.

Jno. M. Taylor of Flat Rock was a visitor at Mr. Robbins' Sunday night.

Miss Zula George was a caller at Bruce George's at Lower Tonk Saturday night.

Tom Cherryhomes and son, Geoffery, were out hauling posts Monday afternoon when a serious accident liked to have happened. They had the gun and axe leaning up against a tree where they were at work. Mr. Cherryhomes asked Geoffery to hand him the axe and when Geoffery moved the axe it caused the gun to fall; it went off blowing Mr. Cherryhomes hat off of his head.

Harry Cutshall, who carries the mail on this route, failed to go to Eliasville Monday on account of the creeks and branches being up.

Rex Cornish was a visitor in this community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wixom and son, called at Mr. Robbins' Saturday night.

Carl Knight called at Mr. Wixom's Monday evening.

Messrs Black and Overlander were out driving in our community Sunday afternoon.

Bert Bray, I. V. Freeman, Turner Higdon and Will Seddon were in town Saturday.

Mr. Editor get your blue pencil in good shape, Mr. Kid has gone to writing poetry and you might need it. Jolly Girl.

PROFFITT

Everybody is rejoicing over the fine rain which fell Friday night.

All the farmers will be busy planting their cotton soon.

Mr. R. O. Weatherbee and wife and Miss Maggie spent last Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives on the Graham ranch.

Mrs. W. M. Gibbs has been pretty sick for the past week, but is ome better at present.

Most everybody in and near Proffitt took in the big day at Newcastle Monday.

The school closed Wednesday but the picnic was put off on account of rain.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, on April 20, a girl.

Mr. Higgins went to Newcastle Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Griffin spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Speer.

Rev. Ray filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Orb Holder and wife and Mr. Hudson took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Smith on the Graham ranch.

The ball game Saturday afternoon between the old men and school was very interesting. The score was 5 to 1 in favor of the old men.

Miss Ethel Proffitt spent from Tuesday till Saturday visiting relatives at Elbert.

Miss Grace Howard visited her grandmother, Mrs. Cole on last Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie Higgins spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Bellamy.

Mr. Jack Humphrey says he is going to get him a cook. How about it girls?

Say, Rainy Day, when are you coming back to Proffitt? You must come back and we will try and have another party. Have you learned that new game—going to the store cellar, yet?

Snowflake.

HOOKEY HOLLOW

Hello Mr. Editor, as I have been absent for two weeks will try and write again.

Health in this community is good.

We had a good rain Sunday night and Monday morning. It must have been a cloud burst.

We had a good Sunday school Sunday with 54 in the class and 11 visitors.

We had a good singing at the church house Sunday evening, and a good prayer meeting Sunday night.

There will be prayer meeting every Sunday night. Everybody come. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Some of the young folks visited the Fox Hollow picnic and realized it rained before they got back home. They must be bad at Fox Hollow as some of the crowd from Mountain Home came back with black eyes. What about it Oscar?

Several of the young people took dinner with Ras and Miss Stella Shoemate.

Mr. and Mrs. Crick took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Upham. Miss Narcie Sneed came home with Mrs. Upham Sunday night and stayed until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullinax took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Driver.

H. A. Driver has purchased a fine mare. He says when he gets that brass-button buggy he expects to ride high.

Joe Upham and W. E. Crick went fishing Thursday night. They caught eight fish between them, one weighing 10 pounds.

Bill Sweeney and family visited their brother Joe Upham, and family last week.

D. A. Upham is visiting his son this week.

As news is scarce will ring off and give my pencil to Homeite. Rabbit Twister.

MYERS BRANCH

Beg pardon Mr. Editor for playing hookey last week.

We have had some light rains which will benefit the grain and enable the farmers to secure a stand of feed and cotton, and conditions are good for one of Bro. Yancey's rains before this "spell" is over.

There is some sickness in this community at present, but none of a serious nature.

Miss Huntos Watson visited at her sister's in the Elbert community Sunday.

Miss Velma Skaggs visited Miss Hattie Mask Sunday.

Everybody is attending the singing school at Masters. It is being conducted by Prof. Taylor of Woodson. There will be music in the air before long I'm thinking.

Speaking of rabbits, reminds me that we have got 'em and got 'em bad. We have shot, trapped, and threatened them, but still they increase.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton were shopping in Woodson Monday.

One day last week we were disturbed by what seemed to be a young battle, thinking that probably the Mexican Rebels were trying to drive the Federals off the face of the earth, and had 'em headed our way, and being adverse to getting mixed up in an encounter where both sides shoot so reckless, we had almost decided to take to the brush when we learned that it was the Master's people having a rabbit hunt. They reported 135 killed.

Since I began this letter we have had a fine rain which put a thorough season in the ground all the farmers are sporting a grin which would put Teddy R. to shame and we are "de-lighted" with the prospect for a crop. Gringo.

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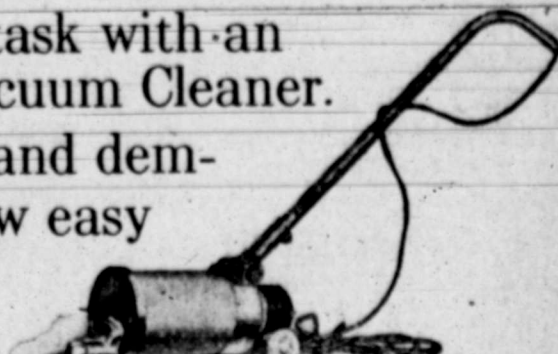
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Z. A. Hudson, as usual, contributed his services to the Flint Creek Sunday school on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hudson is doing a great work in lending assistance to schools over the county.

ORTH
Orth shipped out her first cattle the 10th. S. R. Jeffery had six car loads of steers and they were sure pretty. These steers averaged 1242 pounds at Saint Louis and sold at \$8.25 and \$8.40, averaging \$103.08 each.

Mrs. Gibbs and son Willis and Sam Waters are going to take a trip to Mexico for Willis Gibbs' health. He has been in bad health for some time.

Several here have been fishing and all report catching what they could eat.

Mr. W. S. Hustage went to St. Louis with S. R. Jeffery's cattle and will visit his parents in Missouri.

George and Bill Leberman, William Foreman and Mr. Paschall from Olney went to the Wichita Lake fishing last week. They report a fine time.

We have had the best rain recently that has fallen here in four months. It was badly needed in this part of the country and will help all growing crops.

Uno and family took in Big Monday at Newcastle. There was quite a crowd there.

A large number of people got off the train at Orth the other day but I didn't learn their names. They were visiting in the the Hardy neighborhood.

Mr. Gibbs has built a new tank.

Mr. Burton has struck water in his well at 140 feet.

Our school is out but they did not have their exhibition on account of rain. They did not go to Elm as had been planned but had their picnic at Orth. After dinner the crowd went over in the California pasture and spent the afternoon.

Mr. J. N. Newman is in Erath county.

Our Mexico bunch got off the 25th. Dr. Coop, Sam Waters, P. B. Copeland and Willis Gibbs comprise the party. Mrs. Gibbs backed out on them.

Some few have planted cotton. The cold spell got a few patches of corn. Uno.

KEYSER

We are having plenty of rain; corn and other feed stuff are coming out. There will be lots of cotton planted as soon as the ground gets dry enough.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White of Center Ridge spent last Sunday night with their granddaughter, Mrs. J. H. Martin.

John Matlock of Barten Chapel passed through our community Saturday.

Health in this vicinity is very good.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin and S. J. N. Martin and family at-

tended church the third Sunday at Mountain Home.

On account of the big rain Friday night the picture show at the school house was a failure, only a few being present.

A large crowd was present at the singing at Mr. Heard's last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Nelson Martin went to Bryson Sunday night.

The fields were almost washed away Friday night and lots of corn will have to be replanted with maize or cane. If it does not clear up so the farmer can get in the fields they are going to get mighty far behind with their work.

Mr. S. J. N. Martin went to Bryson Friday morning.

As news is scarce I'll get my bonnet and go.

Best wishes to the editor and all the correspondents.

John's Honey.

GOOSENECK.

Oh! my, what a nice rain we have had. Everything is looking fine now.

Joe Parsons says his rye is out-growing his fence.

Miss Reuby Newby and brother of Ming Bend visited Mrs. Kelley Monday.

R. L. McLaren and Odel Johnson went to Graham Tuesday.

Miss Cordie and Mr. Price Rose spent Tuesday night with Miss May and Russell Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson visited R. L. McLaren and family Tuesday.

Miss Cora Rose spent the afternoon with Miss Cora Wiley Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar James went to Ming Bend to visit their parents Tuesday afternoon.

Willie and Murray Condor were visitors to Roy and Frank Parsons Wednesday.

Asberry Caudill of Fox Hollow took dinner with Joe Parsons Wednesday.

Miss Cora Rose spent the day with Mrs. Clark Wednesday. Miss Cora seems to be rather busy with her sewing.

Miss Edna Wiley has returned home from an extended visit to relatives at Wilbarger.

The boys enjoyed a ball game in the McLaren pasture Wednesday.

J. G. Parsons and old Banty went to Bunger Wednesday.

Yes Homeite, the Goose and Gander were both at the literary, and it was o. k., too. We were disappointed in not seeing you there. Say, Homeite, have you learned how to feed your little owls yet?

Grandma Wiley is visiting her son and family.

On Friday, the 24th, we had

a good rain, some hail, but not enough to do much damage.

Lee McLaren, Roy and Frank Parsons attended the picnic at Fox Hollow. They report a good time while there and a better time coming home in the rain.

R. L. McLaren, Joe and Frank Parsons ate dinner with Uncle Geo. Rose Saturday.

G. W. Rose and daughters went to Graham Friday.

Sunday school was o. k. and the singing after was also good. Another good rain Sunday night and Monday. Gander.

CRAIG POINT.

My, my! Did you ever see so much rain?

Bert Bray of Tonk Valley called at Mr. Killion's Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright took dinner Sunday with Mr. Gilford Ratliff.

Mrs. Alice Killion took dinner with Mrs. Joe Wright Saturday.

W. H. Mayes and children spent Sunday at Mr. Baugh's.

Wickly Green spent Saturday with Elmer Thompson in town.

Mrs. E. H. Ratliff and daughter, Miss Bessie, spent Saturday night at the home of Joe Wright.

Miss Bertie Cook's school at Upper Tonk closed Friday.

Rev. S. D. Cook spent Saturday night at Mr. Gilmore's in the Salem community and took Sunday dinner with Mr. Saddyberry.

Mrs. Denver Killion called in town Sunday afternoon at Messrs. R. L. Brandon's and Bill Babb's.

Misses Vivia and Vena Baugh and Eula Fay Mayes called at Mrs. Killion's Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green and children were shopping in town Saturday, also attended Sunday school and church there Sunday.

Willie Baugh spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Mayes.

Miss Bertie Cook was shopping in town Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Knight returned home Saturday, after spending the week at Mrs. Killion's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight were shopping in town Saturday.

Mrs. Pearce called at Mrs. Baugh's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Green attended Sunday school at Briar Branch Sunday. Bluebird.

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LOWER TONK

Oh! my, I guess we have been having some rains in the last week and everybody is feeling jubilant.

I hear some of the good sisters lamenting the loss of young chickens and gardens being washed away.

Had a regular gully washer and trash mover this morning. (Monday.)

A. H. Jones had made a large tank down on Tonk Branch in his pasture, to irrigate his place through the dry season, and the rain Friday and Friday night weakened the dam. They worked all day Saturday and Sunday trying to save the dam but the rain Sunday night put the branch on a rise and washed the dam away.

One of Bill Wadley's tanks washed away Sunday night.

Misses Eppie, Jewel and Eunice Moore were shopping at Graham Monday. Miss Nora Moore who has been staying at Mrs. Beckham's came back home with them.

Am glad to say the sick are all well again.

Mrs. George has had her house painted and papered, which certainly makes it look nice.

Miss Effie Wadley and little brother, Virgil, visited Miss Maud and Ernest Clark one day last week.

Mrs. Bill Wadley went to Graham Friday.

John Wadley from near Graham visited the Wadley brothers Thursday night.

School closed Friday with a picnic at the bridge on the river. A nice program had been arranged for the entertainment of all who attended, but owing to a cloud coming up in the northwest a part of it was left off.

The good ladies and girls had prepared a very nice dinner and everybody present seemed to enjoy themselves. Mrs. Cherry-homes was there with her camera and made several pictures of the school children and the crowd in general.

Miss Bertie Cook, the teacher, is certainly a fine teacher and understands her work, too.

It did not seem right to me this morning (Monday) not to go to school.

Bill Wadley and family visited at J. F. Clark's Sunday.

Lee Jones and wife and Miss Gracie Jones went to Graham Saturday.

Mrs. Ona and Miss Maude Clark were shopping in Graham Saturday.

Miss Zula Jones took dinner with Misses Cordie and Crystal Gowens Sunday.

Lee Jones and wife, Sam Jones and wife and little daughter, and Misses Sallie Timmons, Rudelle Seddon, Lillie and Hallie Gray and Messrs. Charlie Reedy, James and Sylvester Gowens spent a pleasant evening at W. E. Moore's. They all went kodaking and made several pictures.

X. Y. Z.

RED TOP.

News is scarce this week but I thought I would send in what little I could think of.

The singing at Uncle Taylor McBee's Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Some of the young people of this community attended the singing at Mr. J. V. Hamm's Sunday night. All reported a nice time. They got as far as Mr. Petty's on returning and the rain caught them and they spent the night there.

Messrs. Slim and Tex Glenn, Clifton Terrell, Bruce Burton, and Roy Rutherford took dinner with Mr. John McGee Sunday.

Messrs. Homer Brigham and Ernest Blakney took dinner with Messrs. Jack and Emmett Ramsey.

Misses Bessie Petty, Ida McBee, and Annie Mary Slater visited Miss Ada Workman Sunday.

Misses Eureka and Mary Slater and brother, Frank, Miss Emily McBee and brother, Charlie, and Graves McBee took dinner with Miss Dora McBee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McBee and family of Lone Oak visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. E. T. Slater and daughter, Eureka, were trading in the city Friday.

Messrs. John McGee and Slim and Tex Glenn were in Graham Saturday.

Messrs. E. T., B. W., G. W., W. F., and Frank Slater, W. K. and W. T. McBee and E. H. Stockings were in Graham Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Graves is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. K. McBee.

I haven't heard any one say they wished it would quit raining yet, but if it keeps this up that will be the cry, but I'm not going to say that.

It is very near dinner time so I'll be going. Spinster Maid.

Cemetery Working.

On account of working and decoration at Markley May 2, we have changed the working and decoration at Farmer Cemetery until May 9. All who are interested are asked to come, bring rakes, hoes, flowers and a well-filled basket of dinner.

Respectfully,
Mrs. N. Gegg.

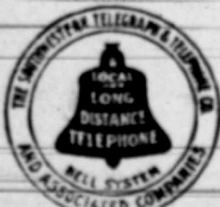


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Local and Personal Mention

The Reporter will appreciate it if you will telephone us items about yourself, your family, your friends or acquaintances. Use either phone.

Nathan Johnson, the principal of the Loving School, was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Will Stewart and Edgar Matthews, with their young sons, took in the picnic and rabbit drive at Monument Friday.

Tailor Made Trousers.
A big shipment of high-grade men's pants, with belts to match at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and up to \$6.50 at Morrison's.

Miss Laretta Brady of Galveston is in the city, visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Fry.

Mrs. Vernon Parker of Red Top is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Steen.

Upright Pianos from \$150.00 and upwards, Player Pianos at \$350.00 upwards. Call and see me and be convinced.
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D. G. Vick, R. Y. Black, M. A. Wallace, Dug Stewart and A. B. Eddleman went to the Rabbit drive at Monument Friday.

You will look good in a Lamm Suit. Let me take your measure. Burl Martin, Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. Street returned Monday from Mineral Wells.

Gentry Flint of Dallas is in the city.

See the new satin pumps with kidney heel at Morrison's.

Leonard Anderson of Olney was here Saturday.

Luther D. Clark is in Dallas.

Saturday the Last Day of the Great Slipper Sale. Buy at once
Street & Co.

J. L. Graves was in Fort Worth last week.

C. W. Junker and J. A. Kunkel of Olney were transacting business in the city Tuesday.

The S. K. Murdock & Co. Pianos, which bear the name S. K. Murdock & Co., are second to none. See them for prices and terms.
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Mal M. Wallace, candidate for sheriff, and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Markley, were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. W. P. Stinson of Eliasville underwent an operation at her home last week and is now confined to her bed. Mr. Stinson has been staying at home during her illness.

For Only \$1.00.
A big lot Ladies', Misses' and Children's Slippers on sale at choice for \$1.00. Sale closes Saturday, May 2.
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Mrs. Fred Arnold was quite sick the first of the week, suffering from a severe affection of the throat.

A short program will be rendered at the Baptist annex next Sunday in celebration of Mothers' Day. All mothers invited to be at the annex.

Get a copy of the Texas Almanac, price 30c. The information contained in this Almanac is worth several dollars to anyone who wants to know everything about Texas. For sale at this office.

Judge Akin, A. L. Brantley, Fay Marshall, Lum Hinson, J. E. Graves, W. E. Crim, J. E. Parsons, J. C. Owen, I. B. Padgett, Rube Loftin, A. F. Stewart, J. L. Vaughan, and Willie Riggs were all enjoying the picnic at the Monument school house Friday.

Just received a car load of strictly high-grade pianos and player pianos. Prices and terms of payments arranged to suit all.
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Kirby Chandler of the Connor Creek community paid us a visit last week.

Notice!
No fishing or bathing allowed in my tank on the J. B. Norris place. Keep out. J. J. Gray.

J. W. Horner of South Bend was here on business Tuesday. He was a pleasant visitor at The Reporter office.

Men's Oxfords Cheap.
Big Sale on Men's Oxfords at Street & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bunger of Bunger made the Reporter a pleasant visit yesterday.

John Kisinger of Salem was in the city yesterday on business.

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Piano Recital.
The pupils of Miss Ruth Isaacs will give a recital at the High School auditorium on Friday evening, May 8, at 8:30. All are cordially invited to attend.

V. M. Hale of South Bend was a business visitor in the city Tuesday. He called on The Reporter while here.

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Miss Hallie Robinson returned to her home in Ennis Friday after a two weeks' visit in the city, guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hallam.

D. G. Vick, Dr. W. M. Terrell, Tom Price, Pat Wood, Jno. Bower, and E. E. Hall were among the big Graham crowd at the picnic Friday.

See the new Tango Beads at Morrison's.

Wallace Price, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Price, had the misfortune of cutting his foot badly last Saturday afternoon, while playing with a number of other children.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins and daughter, Miss Delilah, of Tonk Valley were shopping in the city Tuesday. They paid The Reporter office a pleasant call while here.

New Arrivals in Panama and straw-hats at Morrison's.

Miss Anna Bell Wadley of Tonk Valley is visiting Miss Carrie Harty this week.

For Sale—Model F Buick, 5-passenger, for sale cheap for cash.
35 M. H. Sims, Jean, Texas.

The Reporter enjoyed a visit yesterday from Misses Sallie Timmons and Rudell Seddon of Tonk Valley.

See the new shirt waists with the ragland-sleeves, \$1.00 to \$5.00 at Morrison's

Get a copy of the Texas Almanac, price 30c. The information contained in this Almanac is worth several dollars to anyone who wants to know everything about Texas. For sale at this office.

County Clerk Cusenbary and W. T. Finch went to Fort Worth Friday.

Mesdames Fay Marshall and B. W. King went to the Monument community Friday.

Play Roodles
We have this game at Graham Printing Co.

Mrs. Irene McLaren went to Fort Worth Friday morning, where she took her little daughter for special treatment.

Mrs. Omer Beckham, Misses Knipp, Lilly Gray and Velma McCasland and Mr. Joe Timmons attended the moonlight picnic in Tonk Valley Tuesday night.

Jeff Moore and sister, Miss Minnie of Briar Bend were in the city Tuesday.

Buy your Dominoes at the Graham Printing Co.

Misses Maud and Ona Clark of Tonk Valley paid The Reporter a visit while in the city Saturday.

To Speak in Graham.
Judge W. E. Prescott, county judge of Cottle county, and a candidate for congress from this district, will address the voters in Graham on Friday, May 8 at 3 p. m. Judge Prescott promises to interest you if you come out to hear him.

B. S. Doty & Co. have remodeled the inside of their drug store, adding fine plate glass wall cases and a fine soda fountain. Mr. Doty intends having the store one of the finest going, and it will be a beauty when the changes are made.

You may look the country over, you may go through the largest music stores in the great metropolitan cities, but you will not find pianos of any nicer, sweeter tone, of more durable construction, than you will find in our splendid display in Graham. You can make your own terms of payments with us.
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Jim Gary and family have moved to Bay City to make that place their home.

Mrs. Ed Martin visited relatives in McKinney this week.

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C. N. Cannon.

Carl Arnold, who is attending school in Fort Worth, visited his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. F. Arnold, last week.

Let me clean and press that suit. You will be satisfied.
Burl Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wheat and baby of Loving spent Saturday in town.

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A. B. Daniel of Loving spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Want Ads

For Sale—A 54-inch window shade. Apply at this office.

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For Sale—A good Ford roadster, cheap for cash.
See Dr. Duncan.

For Rent—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished. J. L. Graves.

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R. G. Hallam and F. A. Kessler attended Sunday school at Connor Creek Sunday afternoon and found these neighbors of ours conducting a live, flourishing school. They helped in the services, and report sixty-six present and every one interested.

Don't fail to take advantage of that 75c clubbing offer. See ad in this issue.

One of the best windows seen this season has recently been arranged by J. W. Taliaferro, of the hardware department of the John E. Morrison Co. The Display consists chiefly of fishing tackle, shown in a way that makes a fellow want to get out on the creek and play with the finny tribe. In addition to this there is a scene of the well known "rabbit drive" in which Mr. Taliaferro used dolls and toy rabbits. In order that it may be more realistic, one of the rabbits has been knocked over and lays a victim of one of the "drivers."

Crepe Paper Napkins.
A large variety at the Graham Printing Co.

Weather Forecast for May.
1st to 4th, cloudy period; 5th to 8th, unsettled wave; 9th to 13th, showery period; 14th to 17th, warm spell; 18th to 22nd, rain wave; 23rd to 26th, cool spell; 27th to 31st, warm period. The temperature will be above the usual May average. The rainfall will be heaviest in Central and Southern sections, but will be deficient elsewhere.

Rook Cards
at Graham Printing Co.

Frank, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Duncan, entertained a number of his little friends Friday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday. Frank's birthday was on Wednesday for which the little invitations were issued, but on account of the rainy day, the party was postponed till Friday. On that day a group of children assembled at 4 o'clock, but a heavy shower prevented many of the little tots from coming. After the manner of merry children, lively indoor games were played a peanut hunt enjoyed, while the "birthday cake," with the five tapers, was admired. Mrs. Duncan, assisted by Mrs. T. J. Price, served iced grape juice and cake to the happy party, each one of whom was deposited safely at home by transfer, in the late afternoon, after the downpour of rain. Frank was the recipient of many boyish gifts by his little friends.

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